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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
16 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

17 **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,**

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 **OMICS GROUP INC.,** a Nevada corporation,  
also d/b/a OMICS Publishing Group, **IMEDPUB**  
**LLC**, a Delaware corporation, **CONFERENCE**  
**SERIES LLC**, a Delaware corporation, and  
**SRINUBABU GEDELA,**

21 Defendants.

22 Case No. 2:16-cv-02022

23 **COMPLAINT FOR PERMANENT**  
**INJUNCTION AND OTHER**  
**EQUITABLE RELIEF**

24 Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), for its Complaint alleges:

1. The FTC brings this action under Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act  
2 ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b) to obtain permanent injunctive relief, rescission or  
3 reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, disgorgement of ill-gotten  
4 monies, and other equitable relief for Defendants' acts or practices in violation of  
5 Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).  
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#### 7 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337(a), and  
9 1345, and 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b).  
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11 3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(3) and (c)(3) and 15 U.S.C.  
12 § 53(b).

#### 13 PLAINTIFF

14. The FTC is an independent agency of the United States Government created by statute.  
15 15 U.S.C. §§ 41-58. The FTC enforces Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a),  
16 which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.  
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18 5. The FTC is authorized to initiate federal district court proceedings, by its own attorneys,  
19 to enjoin violations of the FTC Act and to secure such equitable relief as may be  
20 appropriate, including rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of  
21 monies paid, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten monies. 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and  
22 56(a)(2)(A).  
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#### 24 DEFENDANTS

25 6. Defendant **OMICS Group Inc.** ("OMICS") is a Nevada corporation with its principal  
26 place of business at SEZ Unit, Building No. 20, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, APIIC Layout, HITEC City,  
27 Hyderabad, AP 500081, India. OMICS also has used mailing addresses at 2360  
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1 Corporate Circle, Suite 400, Henderson, Nevada, 5716 Corsa Avenue, Suite 110,  
2 Westlake Village, California, and Foster City, California. OMICS transacts or has  
3 transacted business in this district and throughout the United States.

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5 7. Defendant **iMedPub LLC** (“iMedPub”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal  
6 place of business at SEZ Unit, Building No. 20, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, APIIC Layout, HITEC City,  
7 Hyderabad, AP 500081, India. iMedPub also has used a mailing address at 1201 Orange  
8 Street, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware. iMedPub transacts or has transacted business  
9 in this district and throughout the United States.

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11 8. Defendant **Conference Series LLC** (“Conference Series”) is a Delaware corporation  
12 with its principal place of business at SEZ Unit, Building No. 20, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, APIIC  
13 Layout, HITEC City, Hyderabad, AP 500081, India. Conference Series also has used  
14 mailing addresses at 1201 Orange Street, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware and Foster  
15 City, California. Conference Series transacts or has transacted business in this district  
16 and throughout the United States.

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18 9. Defendant **Srinubabu Gedela** is an Indian National who is the president and director of  
19 OMICS, iMedPub, and Conference Series. He is also the owner of the fictitious business  
20 name OMICS Publishing Group. Defendant Gedela is a signatory on the bank accounts  
21 of OMICS and iMedPub. At all times material to this Complaint, acting alone or in  
22 concert with others, he has formulated, directed, controlled, had the authority to control,  
23 or participated in the acts and practices set forth in this Complaint. Defendant Gedela, in  
24 connection with the matters alleged herein, transacts or has transacted business in this  
25 district and throughout the United States.

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10. Defendants OMICS, iMedPub, and Conference Series (collectively, “Corporate Defendants”) have operated as a common enterprise while engaging in the unfair and deceptive acts and practices alleged below. Defendants have conducted the business practices described below through an interrelated network of companies that have common ownership, managers, business functions, and that commingle funds. Because these Corporate Defendants have operated as a common enterprise, each of them is jointly and severally liable for the acts and practices alleged below. Defendant Gedela has formulated, directed, controlled, had the authority to control, or participated in the acts and practices of the Corporate Defendants that constitute the common enterprise.

COMMERCE

11. At all times material to this Complaint, Defendants have maintained a substantial course of trade in or affecting commerce, as “commerce” is defined in Section 4 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

## **DEFENDANTS' BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

12. Since at least 2009, Defendants have published numerous online publications styled as academic journals. To solicit articles and manuscripts from consumers, Defendants represent that various academic experts serve as editors, are members of the editorial boards, or are otherwise associated with Defendants' journals, and that consumers' articles are subject to industry-standard peer review before publishing. Defendants also represent that their journals have high "impact factors" (meaning they are cited frequently, using a metric calculated by Thomson Reuters) and are listed in PubMed Central, a well-known and prestigious database maintained by the United States National Library of Medicine ("NLM") at the National Institutes of Health ("NIH").

13. In reality, in many instances, the academic experts identified by Defendants lack any connection with Defendants' journals. Further, in many instances, articles submitted for publishing do not undergo standard peer review before publishing. And Defendants' journals' impact factors are not calculated by Thomson Reuters, nor are their journals included in PubMed Central. Moreover, Defendants fail to disclose, or disclose adequately, that consumers must pay a publishing fee for each published article. As a result, in many instances, consumers only discover that their articles will not be peer-reviewed and that they owe fees ranging from several hundred to several thousands of dollars *after* Defendants inform them that their articles have been approved for publication. Consumers' attempts to withdraw their articles are frequently rejected, thereby preventing them from publishing in other journals.

14. In addition to their various journals, Defendants also organize scientific conferences in the United States and abroad. To solicit consumers to register for these conferences, Defendants represent that various academic experts have agreed to participate in the conferences. In reality, in many instances, the identified academic experts have not agreed to participate in these conferences. Consumers spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on registration fees and travel costs to attend these scientific conferences.

## **Background on Academic Journal Publishing**

15. An academic or scholarly journal is a peer-reviewed publication in which scholarship relating to a particular academic or scientific discipline is published. Content typically takes the form of articles presenting original research, review articles, commentaries or clinical case studies. Under the standard academic journal publishing model, publishers

1 charge user-based subscription fees to libraries or to individuals for access to the  
2 published material.

3 16. When an author submits an article to an academic journal, the journal typically makes an  
4 initial determination regarding whether to accept the article for peer review and further  
5 consideration, or to reject it outright. For any article under consideration, the journal then  
6 typically begins the peer review process, which consists of subjecting the article to the  
7 scrutiny of others who are experts in the same field.

8 17. Peer review typically requires the participation of a community of experts in a given (and  
9 often narrowly defined) field, who are qualified and available to perform impartial  
10 review. The peer review process can take several months, during which authors are  
11 expected to respond to peer reviewer comments and implement any recommendations  
12 (or, alternatively, justify the rejection of any proposed revisions). After the peer review  
13 process is complete, the journal publishes the final article. Ethical guidelines prevent an  
14 article from being published in more than one journal.

15 18. An academic journal's prestige is established over time, and can reflect many factors,  
16 some of which may be expressed in objective, quantifiable terms. In the scientific  
17 publishing industry, the "impact factor" is often used as one such measure of the prestige  
18 or relative importance of a journal in its field. The impact factor rates the relative  
19 importance (impact) of a journal by measuring the average number of citations in the  
20 scholarly literature to the articles published by that journal in the previous two years. A  
21 higher impact factor would indicate a more important or credible journal. The term  
22 "impact factor" specifically is understood in the industry to mean the proprietary citation  
23 measure calculated and published by Thomson Reuters in its Journal Citation Reports.  
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19. The United States National Library of Medicine (“NLM”) at the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) maintains and manages PubMed Central, a freely accessible bibliographical database of selected articles in the life sciences and biomedical fields. NLM also maintains and manages MEDLINE, a database that is a large subset (about 90%) of the PubMed database. Inclusion in PubMed Central and MEDLINE is generally recognized as a measure of quality in scientific publishing. Only journals that meet NLM’s strict scientific standards are indexed in PubMed Central and MEDLINE. In addition, PubMed Central is required by law to index specific articles funded through NIH grants, but this does not mean that the journals in which such articles are published are indexed in PubMed Central, and such publishing does not constitute endorsement by PubMed Central of such journal.

## Defendants' Deceptive Academic Publishing Practices

20. Defendants maintain several websites, including OMICSonline.org and iMedPub.com, containing so-called academic journals on a wide variety of topics, including medicine, chemistry, nursing, engineering, and genetics, among others.

21. Defendant Gedela is the registrant and technical, administrative, and billing contact for many of Defendants' websites. The domain registration and hosting fees for Defendants' websites are often paid for with Defendant Gedela's personal credit cards.

1                   **Defendants Misrepresent the Nature of Their Journals and Publishing Practices**

2       22. To induce consumers to submit articles to their journals, Defendants make numerous  
3                   representations on their websites and in their email solicitations regarding the reputation  
4                   and credibility of their journals and their publishing process.

5       23. In numerous instances, Defendants invite scientists and other academics to submit articles  
6                   to their journals via email solicitations, some of which purport to be sent by noted  
7                   academics in the consumers' field of study. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. 1.) In addition, Defendants  
8                   represent that their journals are reviewed and edited by specific scientists, researchers,  
9                   and academics whose names, pictures, and biographies appear on Defendants' websites,  
10                  or that those individuals are on the editorial boards or are otherwise associated with  
11                  Defendants' journals.

12       24. In fact, in numerous instances, individuals who Defendants have represented are editors,  
13                  members of editorial boards, or otherwise associated with Defendants' journals either  
14                  have not agreed to be associated with Defendants' journals or initially agreed to serve as  
15                  editors, but later changed their minds and asked to be removed from Defendants'  
16                  websites, with no success.

17       25. In numerous instances, Defendants represent that articles and manuscripts submitted to  
18                  Defendants' journals are subject to peer review practices that are standard in the  
19                  academic journal publishing industry. For example, Defendants state:

20                  a. With the help of a strong 30,000 experts as editorial board members and  
21                   reviewers, OMICS Group journals uphold the standard review process. All  
22                   articles submitted for publication are subjected to a blind peer review. (*See, e.g.*,  
23                   Ex. 2.)

24                  b. OMICS Scholarly Journals strictly adhere to standard review process. (*See, e.g.*,  
25                   *id.*)

- 1       c. OMICS Group International peer-review policies are highly appreciated, accepted  
2           and adaptable to the criteria that have been prescribed by the international  
3           agencies such as NIH, PubMed etc. (*See, e.g., Ex. 3.*)  
4       d. The peer-review process subjects scientific research papers to independent  
5           scrutiny by other qualified scientific experts (peers) before they are made  
6           public... Peer-reviewed articles provide a trusted form of scientific  
7           communication. Articles published by these Academic Journals are peer-  
8           reviewed and edited by the experts in the related areas for a good impact in the  
9           scholarly and academic society. (*See, e.g., Ex. 4.*)  
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11      26. In reality, many of Defendants' online publications do not adopt the rigorous peer review  
12           practices that are standard in the scholarly journal publishing industry. In numerous  
13           instances, individuals who have agreed to serve as peer reviewers for Defendants either  
14           never receive any manuscripts to review or discover that, when they access the online  
15           manuscript review system to review their assigned articles, the articles have already been  
16           approved for publication. In addition, in numerous instances, consumers receive no edits  
17           or, at most, only stylistic edits before Defendants publish the work.  
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19      27. In numerous instances, Defendants represent that their publications have high impact  
20           factors. For example, Defendants state that their medical journals have good impact  
21           factors and have been reviewed and cited by many researchers. They explain that  
22           because their journals "are freely available" they "can be cited by researchers easily."  
23           (*See, e.g., Ex. 5.*)  
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25      28. In reality, none of Defendants' journals' impact factors are calculated by Thomson  
26           Reuters. Instead, Defendants calculate their own impact factors and do not disclose or  
27           disclose adequately that those factors are not listed in Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation  
28           Reports.  
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30      29. In numerous instances, Defendants represent that their publications are included in  
31           various academic journal indexing services, such as PubMed Central or MEDLINE. For

example, Defendants state “[m]ost of these journals are are [sic] indexed in MEDLINE [and] PUBMED.” (*See, e.g.*, Ex. 6.)

30. In reality, neither PubMed Central nor MEDLINE index any of Defendants’ online  
4 publications. In fact, in April 2013, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’  
5 Public Health Division sent a cease-and-desist letter to Defendants because of  
6 Defendants’ claims that their journals are indexed in PubMed Central and for using  
7 quotes from and photographs of NIH employees on Defendants’ websites without  
8 permission.

#### **Defendants Fail to Disclose Material Facts**

31. Defendants have not adopted the traditional, predominant academic journal publishing  
12 model, under which publishers charge user-based subscription fees for access to  
13 published material. Instead, Defendants engage in “open access” publishing, making  
14 their content available online for free but charging authors publication fees. Defendants  
15 typically charge consumers between several hundred to several thousand dollars to  
16 publish consumers’ articles, depending on article length and the consumer’s country of  
17 origin.

20. In many instances, Defendants’ email solicitations to consumers do not mention these  
21 publishing fees. Neither do Defendants’ journal websites disclose or disclose adequately  
22 that consumers must pay a fee in order to be published.

23. In many instances, consumers discover they must pay a publishing fee only after  
24 Defendants advise them, via email, that their article has been accepted for publication and  
25 that they owe payment. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. 7.) In the invoice attached to this email,  
26 Defendants instruct consumers to submit payment by filling out a form with their credit  
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1 card information, by wiring payment to Defendants' bank account, or by sending a check.

2 (See, e.g., Ex. 8.)

3 34. In the same email informing consumers, for the first time, that they have to pay  
4 significant publishing fees, Defendants also notify consumers that their article will be  
5 published. Defendants invite consumers to submit typographical corrections to the article  
6 within 48 hours, after which time Defendants "assume that [consumers] agreed to publish  
7 without corrections." (See, e.g., Ex. 7.)

8 35. In numerous instances, Defendants proceed to publish consumers' articles just days after  
9 the consumer's initial submission, often without peer review and without regard to any  
10 subsequent communication from the consumer. In many instances, even if consumers  
11 immediately inform the journal that they wish to withdraw their article, either because  
12 they were unaware of the publication fees or because they doubt the journal's legitimacy  
13 due to its questionable review practices, Defendants nonetheless publish the article over  
14 consumers' objections.

15 36. Because ethical requirements prohibit submitting an article for publication to more than  
16 one journal, in many instances, when Defendants ignore a consumer's withdrawal request  
17 and publish their work, they prevent that consumer from publishing that work in other,  
18 more reputable publications.

19 22 **Defendants' Deceptive Conference Practices**

20 23 37. Defendants organize scientific conferences in the United States and abroad. To promote  
21 their conferences, Defendants send emails to consumers and advertise on their websites.  
22 Defendants charge consumers fees ranging from several hundreds to over \$1,000 to  
23 register for these conferences.

38. In numerous instances, to induce consumers to register for these conferences, Defendants represent that various academic experts have agreed to participate in the conferences.

39. In fact, in numerous instances, individuals who Defendants have represented will be participating in Defendants' conferences either have not agreed to participate in those conferences or are unaware that their names have been used by Defendants.

## **VIOLATIONS OF THE FTC ACT**

40. Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.”

41. Misrepresentations or deceptive omissions of material fact constitute deceptive acts or practices prohibited by Section 5(a) of the FTC Act.

42. Acts or practices are unfair under Section 5 of the FTC Act if they cause substantial injury to consumers that consumers cannot reasonably avoid themselves and that is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or competition. 15 U.S.C. § 45(n).

**COUNT I**  
**Misrepresentations Regarding Journal Publishing**

43. In numerous instances, in connection with the marketing of academic journal publishing services, Defendants have represented, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, that:

- a. Their journals and other publications follow peer review processes standard in the academic journal industry;
- b. That specific individuals are editors of, members of an editorial board for, or otherwise associated or affiliated with Defendants' journals or other publications;

- c. Their publications have high impact factors listed in Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports; and
- d. Their publications are included in well-known, reputable academic journal indexing services, such as PubMed Central and MEDLINE.

44. In numerous instances, the representations set forth in Paragraph 43 are false or misleading or were not substantiated at the time the representations were made.

45. Therefore, the making of the representations as set forth in Paragraph 43 of this Complaint constitutes a deceptive act or practice, in or affecting commerce in violation of Section 5(a).

## COUNT II

### Misrepresentations Regarding Conferences

46. In numerous instances, in connection with the marketing of scientific conferences, Defendants have represented, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, that specific individuals have agreed to participate in Defendants' scientific conferences.

47. In numerous instances, the representation set forth in Paragraph 46 is false or misleading or was not substantiated at the time the representation was made.

48. Therefore, the making of the representation as set forth in Paragraph 46 of this Complaint constitutes a deceptive act or practice, in or affecting commerce in violation of Section 5(a).

**COUNT III**  
**Deceptive Failure to Disclose Publishing Fees**

49. In numerous instances, Defendants have represented, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, that consumers may submit articles or manuscripts to Defendants for publication in one of Defendants' journals or other publications.

50. In numerous instances in which Defendants have made the representation set forth in Paragraph 49 of this Complaint, Defendants have failed to disclose or disclose adequately to consumers that consumers must pay a publishing fee ranging from several hundred to several thousand dollars. This additional information would be material to consumers in deciding to submit articles or manuscripts to Defendants for review and publishing.

51. Defendants' failure to disclose or disclose adequately the material information described in Paragraph 50, above, in light of the representation described in Paragraph 49, above, constitutes a deceptive act or practice in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

CONSUMER INJURY

52. Consumers have suffered and will continue to suffer substantial injury as a result of Defendants' violations of the FTC Act. In addition, Defendants have been unjustly enriched as a result of their unlawful acts or practices. Absent injunctive relief by this Court, Defendants are likely to continue to injure consumers, reap unjust enrichment, and harm the public interest.

## THIS COURT'S POWER TO GRANT RELIEF

53. Section 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), empowers this Court to grant injunctive and such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate to halt and redress violations of any provision of law enforced by the FTC. The Court, in the exercise of its equitable jurisdiction, may award ancillary relief, including rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten monies, to prevent and remedy any violation of any provision of law enforced by the FTC.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Wherefore, Plaintiff FTC, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), and the Court's own equitable powers, requests that the Court:

A. Award Plaintiff such preliminary injunctive and ancillary relief as may be necessary to avert the likelihood of consumer injury during the pendency of this action and to preserve the possibility of effective final relief, including but not limited to, a preliminary injunction, and an order freezing assets;

B. Enter a permanent injunction to prevent future violations of the FTC Act by Defendants;

C. Award such relief as the Court finds necessary to redress injury to consumers resulting from Defendants' violations of the FTC Act, including but not limited to, rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten monies; and

D. Award Plaintiff the costs of bringing this action, as well as such other and additional relief as the Court may determine to be just and proper.

1 Dated: August 25, 2016

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

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To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fwd: Welcoming your research towards Journal of Nursing & Care  
Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015 9:51:16 AM

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FYI. I'm now seeing the publisher everywhere

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Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh, and the greatness which does not bow before children. —Kahlil Gibran

With purity and with holiness I will pass my life and practice my art. —Hippocrates

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Editor - Journal of Nursing & Care <[editor.jnc@omicsonline.net](mailto:editor.jnc@omicsonline.net)>

Date: Thu, Feb 12, 2015 at 9:10 AM

Subject: Welcoming your research towards Journal of Nursing & Care

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Hope you are doing well!

I wonder if you could write a short review or a short commentary (or any type of article) for **Journal of Nursing & Care**.

It would be great if you could submit at earliest, so that I could process it for the Upcoming issue.

If it is not feasible for you in February, then please let me know your feasible time to contribute.

Submit manuscript at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/medicalsciences/default.asp> or send as an e-mail attachment to the Editorial Office at [editor.jnc@omicsonline.org](mailto:editor.jnc@omicsonline.org)

Please provide me your acceptance for the same!

I will be waiting for your positive mail.

Have a nice and healthy day ahead!

*With Kind Regards,*

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## **EXHIBIT 2**


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## About Us

OMICS International Organises 300+ **Conferences** Every Year across USA, Europe & Asia with support from 1000 more scientific **societies** and Publishes 500+ **Open access journals** which contains over 30000 eminent personalities, reputed scientists as editorial board members.

OMICS Group International is an amalgamation of **Open Access publications** and worldwide international science conferences and events. Established in the year 2007 with the sole aim of making the information on Sciences and technology 'Open Access', OMICS Group publishes 500 online open access **scholarly journals** in all aspects of Science, Engineering, Management and Technology journals. OMICS Group has been instrumental in taking the knowledge on Science & technology to the doorsteps of ordinary men and women. Research Scholars, Students, Libraries, Educational Institutions, Research centers and the industry are main stakeholders that benefitted greatly from this knowledge dissemination. OMICS Group also organizes 300 **International conferences** annually across the globe, where knowledge transfer takes place through debates, round table discussions, poster presentations, workshops, symposia and exhibitions.

Founding Director at [Dr.Srinubabu](#)

### Special Features – OMICS Group Journals

- » 500 Open Access journals
- » 21 Days rapid review process
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- » More than 1,00,000
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- » Poster presentations and world class exhibits
- » Panel discussions & interactive sessions
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- » B2B meetings
- » Alliances and associations
- » Collaborative Research opportunities
- » Supported by reputed associations and societies

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- » OMICS Group supports the Bethesda Statement on **Open Access Publishing**.

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- » All the articles are subjected to peer-reviewing prior to publication.
- » OMICS Group will keep up to date with latest advances in the respective fields and papers published in its journals will reach the readers directly through E-mail.
- » Archived online transactions of OMICS Group provide the International scientific community with immediate and permanent access to individual papers.
- » OMICS Group accepts online letters from the Editors and brief comments that contribute to the previously published articles or other relevant findings in OMICS field.

**OMICS Group Journals** encourages original and well researched articles for publication. With the help of a strong 30,000 experts as editorial board members and reviewers, OMICS Group journals uphold the standard review process. All the articles submitted for publication are subjected to a blind peer review. Upon incorporating the changes the articles are published online. Once approved for publication, these articles remain archived permanently in their respective repositories. OMICS Group Journals follow online tracking system where the authors can submit their articles online and track its status from time to time.

OMICS Group Journals are known for their high **impact factor journals** and a section of OMICS Group journals are indexed in the world renowned science database like Medline, PubMed Central, Obscure and Scopus. OMICS acquired as many as 40 reputed journals such as Oral Health and Dental Management and Molecular, genetic Medicine and others.

Yet another prominent feature of OMICS Group Publication activities is its alliance with reputed scientific research, academic institutions and **International associations, societies as well as world federations**. This alliance is paving the way for collaboration in the areas of journal production, review process, quality and subscription management.

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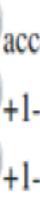
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